**1 Peter 3:7 — Men and Marriage**

*Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)*

**1. A husband must learn his wife.**

*Likewise husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way….*

**Learn how your wife is different because she is a woman.**

**Learn how your wife is different because she is your particular woman.**

**Learn your wife’s love language.**

* + 1. Word Of Affirmation
		2. Gifts
		3. Service
		4. Time
		5. Touch

**2. A husband must honor his wife.**

*Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman…*

**Honor your wife in your speech.**

**Honor your wife in your time.**

**Honor your wife financially.**

**Honor your wife parentally.**

**Honor your wife emotionally.**

**3. A husband must protect his wife.**

*…showing honor to the woman, as the weaker vessel…*

**Protect your wife physically.**

*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. Isaiah 53:7 (ESV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6–7 (NIV84)*

**Protect your wife emotionally.**

*Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Colossians 3:19 (ESV)*

**Protect your wife from misuse of your authority.**

**4. A husband must follow Christ with his wife.**

*since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.*

*Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Genesis 2:18 (ESV)*